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1. WE PROVIDE BELOW THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED
AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION THAT THE AMBASSADOR
INITIATED WITH SYG LUNS MAY 17 ON THE SUBJECT
OF LTDP FOLLOW-ON AND NATO STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS,
SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY SECRETARY BROWN AND
LUNS AT THEIR 0915 MEETING MAY 18.

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2. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, SYG LUNS WOULD STATE
FOR MINISTERS HIS COMMITMENT TO STRONG FOLLOW-
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THROUGH INCLUDING A STUDY OF THE STAFF IMPLICA-
TIONS. HE WOULD ALSO MENTION PROGRAM COORDINATORS,
BUT WOULD ASK THAT MINISTERS DEFER DISCUSSION OF
THEM UNTIL THE RELEVANT ANNEXES ARE REACHED. AT
SOME POINT, LUNS WOULD STATE HIS INTENTION, AS
PART OF HIS STUDY, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS
TO WHO THE PROGRAM COORDINATORS SHOULD BE FOR

MARITIME POSTURE, AIR DEFENSE, C3, AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE AND WHAT THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE. HE MAY WAIT TO DO THIS WHEN HE REACHES ANNEX D (MARITIME POSTURE), THE FIRST ANNEX IN WHICH THE SUBJECT ARISES, AND MAKE ONLY A PASSING REFERENCE TO PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN HIS OPENING REMARKS. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT HIS OPENING REMARKS WILL BE MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN A PASSING REFERENCE. HE WOULD INDICATE THAT IN HIS WORK ON FOLLOW-THROUGH, HE WILL, OF COURSE, TAKE NATIONAL VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT.

THE DECISION SHEET OF THE MEETING WOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE WORDING TO REFLECT LUNS' STATED INTENTIONS. IN RETURN, LUNS WOULD EXPECT THAT SECRETARY BROWN, AFTER STATING HIS VIEWS FOR THE RECORD, WOULD WITHDRAW THE US WORDING ON PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN ANNEXES D, E, F, AND G, AND, IN CONSIDERATION OF LUNS' AGREEMENT TO TAKE THE US VIEW INTO ACCOUNT DURING HIS STUDY ON FOLLOW-THROUGH MACHINERY, WOULD ALSO DROP THE REFERENCE TO AN ASYG FOR LOGISTICS.

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3. WE ALSO DISCUSSED PARAGRAPHS 47 AND 48(F) OF THE REPORT TO THE SUMMIT. IT WOULD APPEAR BETTER FOR SECRETARY BROWN TO TAKE THE LEAD
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THERE, OFFERING TO WITHDRAW THE US FOOTNOTE, IN THE LIGHT OF PRECEDING DEVELOPMENTS AND IN RETURN FOR DPC CONSIDERATION OF SOME MODIFIED WORDING FOR PARAGRAPH 48(F). DESPITE OUR URGINGS THAT LUNS SUPPORT THE MODIFIED WORDING UNQUALIFIEDLY, THE SYG WILL, DOUBTLESS, POINT OUT THAT THE US PROPOSAL DROPS THE WORD "POSSIBLE". IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION LUNS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE KNOWN HIS PREFERENCE FOR INCLUDING THE WORD "POSSIBLE". WE CANNOT PREDICT PRECISELY WHAT SUPPORT HE WILL GAIN, BUT ON PAST PERFORMANCE, MOST NATIONS WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT HIM, AND WE KNOW THAT THE WORD IS PRESENTLY IN PARAGRAPH 47(F) AT HIS INSTIGATION. BENNETT

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